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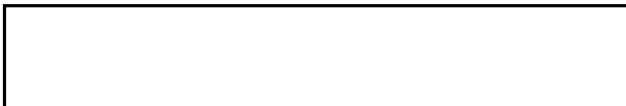


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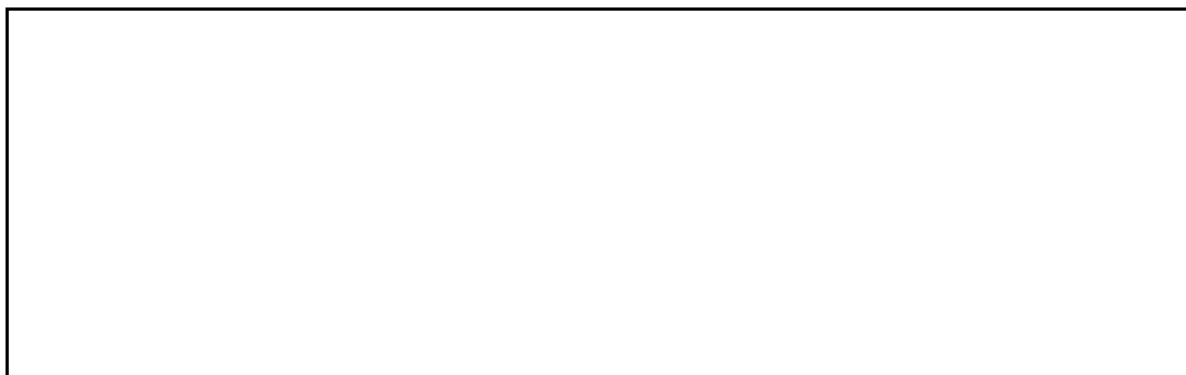
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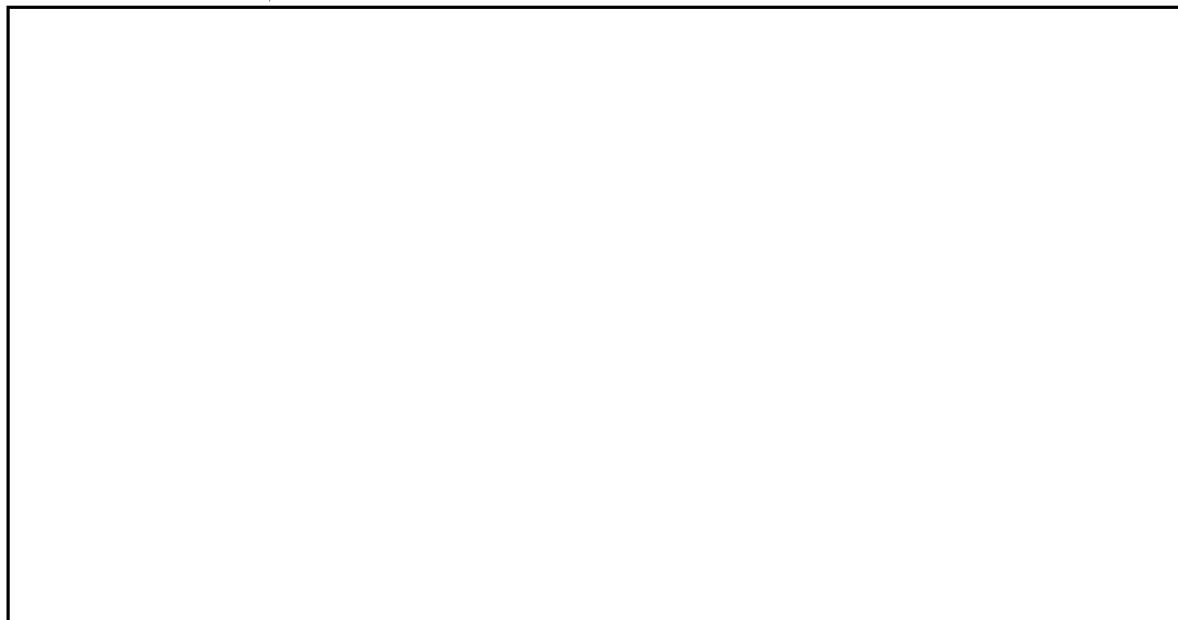
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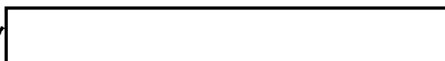


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Poland - West Germany: The first political talks between the West Germans and Poles on 5 and 6 February served essentially to define opposing points of view.

The talks took place in a businesslike, nonpolemical atmosphere. As expected, the Poles stressed the need for a definitive treaty in which the Federal Republic would explicitly recognize the Oder-Neisse frontier. At the next meeting, the Poles intend to submit a draft of such a treaty for discussion. The Polish negotiator temporized on the subject of establishing diplomatic relations, but he indicated that cultural ties could be expanded without awaiting an agreement on the frontier. The Poles also made routine references to the need for Bonn to recognize East Germany and to invalidate the 1938 Munich accord.

For their part, the West Germans suggested the desirability of an agreement on the non-use of force, implying that the border settlement could be included in it. Bonn will present a draft treaty along these lines when the two sides meet again in Warsaw on 9 March. In addition, the West German negotiator raised the question of the repatriation of some 260,000 ethnic Germans, who he said wished to emigrate to West Germany. The Poles agreed only to study this proposal.

The Poles also indicated they would soon request a resumption of the trade talks which have been carried on intermittently since last October.

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